pansion project is not due to inexperienced handling of the project by MAN-GHH but for reasons like delay in acquisition of land, difficulties in procurement of the required quality of steel, design modifications, etc.

(c) The first spreader after erection has moved into the mine and is under trial operation. The erection of second spreador is expected to be completed by 10-10-90.

Import of Medicines

1262. SHRI MATI RATAN KUMARI : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state :

(a) what is the total number of finished medicines at present being imported into India and what are their names ;

(b) what are the names of bulk drugs on which each finished medicines are based ;

(c) what are the names of finished medicines on which his Ministry recommended for exemption of custom duty and reasons for such recommendations ;

(d) whether it is a fact that most of these medicines have monopoly imports and the importers are charging exorbitant prices ; and

(e) what are the names of monopoly importers and what is the selling price of each medicine ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY) : (a) and (b) The number will be in several hundreds. This information would require considerable time and effort which is not commensurate with the results likely to be achieved.

(c) The information is being collected and wil! be laid on tbe Table of the House.

(d) and (e) Under the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1987 on the imported finished medicines based on scheduled basic drugs, a margin of only 50% over the landed cost of import to cover selling and distribution expenses including interest and importers profit is allowed. The above margin is the same in cases of non-sch;duled formulations as well. The possibility of import of some such medicines by a single importer can not be ruled out.

Production of Vitamin B6 by IDPL and other Companies

1263. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that IDPL have discontinued or substantially reduced the production of Vitamin B6 to makeway for a private sector unit ;

(b) if so, what is the licensed and installed capacity of Vitamin B6 of IDPL and what was its production during the last three years, yearwise ending 31st March, 1990 ;

(c) what is the prices at which IDPL is selling Vitamin *B6* and what is the selling price of other producers ;

(d) what are the names of other producers and what was the production of each during the last three years, yearwise ;

(e) what is the stage of manufacture of each ; and

(f) what is the investment made on plant and machinery by each of the producers including IDPL for the production of Vitamin B6 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OP PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI BHAIAMAN BEHERA) (a) No, Sir.